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C O N F I D E N T I A L QUITO 3606

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SHUM, ELAB, EC
SUBJECT: LABOR LEADER JULIO CHANG RELEASED FROM JAIL

REF: QUITO 3558

1. POLICE RELEASED LABOR LEADER JULIO CHANG ON THE EVENING OF MAY 29 AFTER HE HAD SPENT FOUR DAYS IN JAIL AND PAID A FINE OF 150 SUCRES (EQUIVALENT US \$6.00). DURING CHANG'S INTERNMENT, 20 MEMBERS OF CHANG'S FETLIG LABOR FEDERATION, THE GUAYAQUIL AFFILIATE OF THE ORIT-AFFILIATED ECUADOREAN CONFEDERATION OF FREE LABOR ORGANIZATIONS (CEOSL), EMPLOYED AT THE TEXTILE FACTORY MENTIONED WERE FIRED. INCLUDED AMONG THE DISCHARGED WORKERS WERE THE LEADERS OF THE FETLIG UNION.

2. IN A CONVERSATION WITH AIFLD COUNTRY DIRECTOR LEONARD AFTER LEAVING JAIL, CHANG RELATED THAT THE GUAYAS POLICE SUPERINTENDENT RESPONSIBLE FOR HIS ARREST HAD CONFIDED THAT CHANG WAS INNOCENT, BUT THAT THE MINISTER OF LABOR HAD INSISTED ON PUNISHMENT.

3. COMMENT: SALVADOR'S INSISTENCE ON PUNISHING CHANG FOR REAL OR IMAGINED INSULTS INDICATES THAT HE IS MAINTAINING HIS HARD LINE AGAINST LABOR IN GENERAL AND
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CEOSL IN PARTICULAR. WE SEE LITTLE HOPE FOR A MODIFICATION OF THIS POLICY BEFORE THE ADVENT OF A CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT.
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